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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This response is filed in reply to the outstanding non-Final Office Action, mailed January 6, 2006, in connection with the above application. Applicants respectfully request a TWO-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.